



Junior Syndicate Term 3 Newsletter 2018

We've had a great first week back, it was awesome to see the children return so relaxed and happy. We are excited to welcome Pip Draeger back into the team every Friday in A4 as Toni Jensen has joined the Senior Syndicate as M6's class teacher.

Term Three syndicate and school key dates:

- **Friday, 3 August 12 noon: Grandparents Liturgy. Please stay for a picnic lunch afterwards.**
- **Sunday, 12 August 10am: School Mass at St. Patrick's Church.**
- **Tuesday, 11 September: School Cross Country**
- **Saturday, 22 September: School Gala**
- **Friday, 31 September: School photos**

Religious Education As a syndicate we continue to visit the chapel on Thursday mornings after the roll to learn and share about our sacred place. We are learning about the holiness of God in places and objects, the Sacraments of the Catholic church, in particular Baptism and Holy Communion. We will also be looking at The Church, what it means to belong, participate and celebrate in family, school, church and parish groups.

Our **Inquiry** theme this term is Express Yourself. How this evolves in the Junior Syndicate with our learning through play philosophy will be determined by the children, as we aim to meet the interests and needs in each class. As the Middle and Senior syndicates get into the excitement of their production, our Juniors are sure to start exploring and expressing their own "Wonderland."

Literacy and Maths are taught daily in guided group sessions so each child works in small groups with the class teacher. These groups change frequently so that the learning needs of each child are catered for in the best way for progress to be achieved. Children will bring books home to share with you and each week the class teachers' include a newsletter in home books to keep you up to date with class happenings.

Physical Education. Last week we started the term off with gymnastics at the Omni Gym. We have two more sessions, this and next week. You are most welcome to come along to see the children in action, either meet us there or walk with us.

In week 4 we will begin cross country training linked to the fundamental skill of running. Later in the term the skill will change to how to bounce a ball. We start each P.E. session learning the specific skill then the children rotate around a circuit of fun practice activities.

Reminder: For your child/children's safety PLEASE use the school crossing. Riverbend Road is extremely busy and not all drivers are looking out (or down!) for our tamariki. We teach the importance of using the crossing but we really need parents to support this by setting a good example and consistently using the crossing.....even if it does take a little longer. Safety first please.

Ngā mihi nui Fa'afetai

Junior School Teachers

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Raewyn Williams and Kerry Lianne (A3)

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